AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): A tire belt comprising an elastomeric composition based on an isoprene elastomer, a reinforcing inorganic filler and a silane polysulfide, wherein said silane polysulfide~~ satisfies the formula (I):~~

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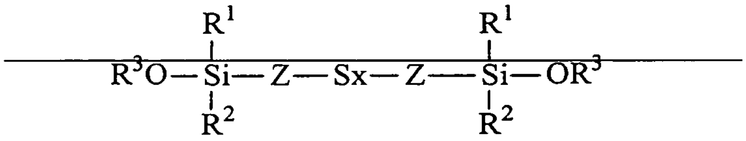

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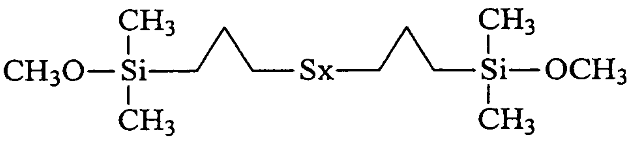

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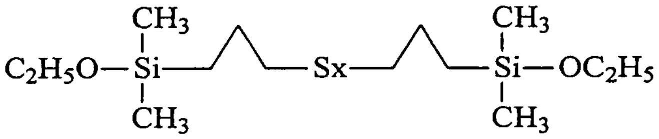

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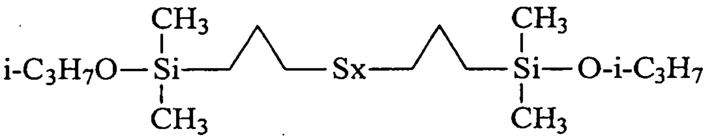


(IV)

wherein x is equal to or greater than about 2.

2. through 11 (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein the polysulfide is selected from the group consisting of disulfides (x=2), trisulfides (x=3), tetrasulfides (x=4), pentasulfides (x=5), hexasulfides (x=6), and mixtures of these polysulfides.

13. (Previously Presented): The tire belt according to claim 12, wherein the polysulfide is selected from the group consisting of disulfides, trisulfides, tetrasulfides of bis-monoethoxydimethylsilylpropyl, and mixtures of these polysulfides.

14. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein x is within a range from about 2 to about 5.

15. (Previously Presented): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein the isoprene elastomer is selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, synthetic cis-1,4 polyisoprenes, and mixtures of these elastomers.

16. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein the amount of reinforcing inorganic filler is between about 30 and about 150 phr (parts by weight to one hundred parts of elastomer).

17. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein the quantity of silane polysulfide is between about 2 and about 20 phr.

18. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein the quantity of silane polysulfide represents between about 2 and about 20% by weight relative to the quantity of reinforcing inorganic filler.

19. (Previously Presented): The tire belt according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing inorganic filler comprises more than about 50% and up to 100% of silica.

20. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 19, wherein the silica has a BET specific surface area greater than about 130 m^2/g.

21. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 20, wherein the silica has a BET specific surface area within a range from about 150 to about 250 m^2/g.

22. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 1, further comprising carbon black.

23. (Original): The tire belt according to claim 22, wherein the carbon black is present in an amount of between about 2 and about 20 phr.

24. (Currently Amended): A tire comprising a belt according to ~~any one of claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12-23~~ claim 1.

25. (Original): A tire according to claim 24, wherein the tire is a heavy-vehicle tire.

26. (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a tire belt comprising at least one rubber composition based on an isoprene elastomer, a reinforcing inorganic filler, and a silane polysulfide coupling agent, comprising the following steps:

incorporating in an isoprene elastomer, in a mixer:

a reinforcing inorganic filler;

a silane polysulfide as coupling agent;

thermomechanically kneading the entire mixture, in one or more stages, until a maximum temperature of between about 110°C. and about 190°C. is reached;

cooling the entire mixture to a temperature of less than about 100°C.;

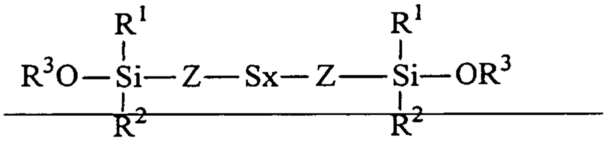
then incorporating a vulcanization system;

kneading the entire mixture until a maximum temperature less than about 110°C. is reached;

calendering or extruding the composition thus obtained into the form of a layer of rubber; and

incorporating this layer, after optionally adding textile or metallic reinforcing threads in the tire belt;

wherein the silane polysulfide~~ satisfies the formula (I):~~



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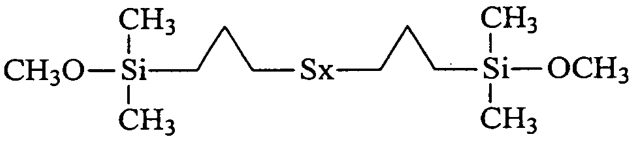

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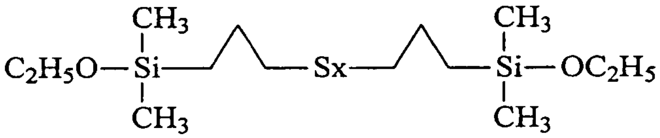

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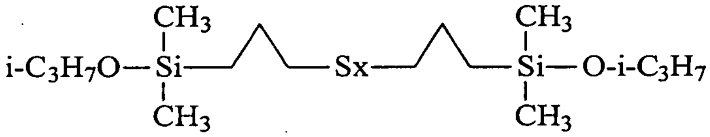

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